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More Talks Needed for Soviet Pact

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ministration aides, after an extensive review at the White House of the negotiations with the Soviet Union on limiting strategic arms, have concluded that further talks with Moscow are necessary before a new accord can be reached, Government officials said today. ----

Earlies this week, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said a new agreement limiting nuclear missiles and bombers through 1985 might be completed in a matter of days. But after an unusual, two-hour meeting of the Cabinet level Special Coordinating Committee yesterday, officials said two or three technical issues still were holding up the treaty and a meeting between President Carter and

Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader.

La The officials said the unresolved issues reflected a new Administration effort to get Moscow to agree to more precise re-strictions on modernization of Soviet missiles and stricter procedures for verifying compliance with the accord.

April Meeting Still Possible
Officials said that the Administration remained committed to completing an agreement soon and that a summit meeting as early as next month was still possible. But the White House was said to be wary of accepting Soviet proposals at this stage that could weaken its ability to gain Senate approval for the controversial ac-"We've come this far," a White House

aide said, "and there's little reason for us to risk Senate approval by making lastminute concessions."

Officials said another factor in prolonging negotiations was skepticism among senior military officers about the pro-posed treaty. They said that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had recently taken a tougher line on the talks and that the White House was under pressure to clarify some "ambiguous" aspects of the treaty.

At the same time, some officials voiced

WASHINGTON, March 22 - Senior Ad- | concern that the longer a treaty was delayed, the more likely it would be that new issues could further prolong the talks. They noted that the outlines of the proposed treaty were agreed upon in September 1977 and that negotiators have been haggling over a small number of technical issues ever since.

Vance May Meet Dobrynin

Officials said it was unclear how long it might take to clear up the unresolved issues. Although Mr. Carter is known towant a speedy conclusion of the talks, the White House, officials said, is willing to defer completion of negotiations until after the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty here on Monday. ---

But several officials stressed that the pace of the arms talks was not wholely dictated by the Middle East treaty ceremonies and that Mr. Vance would probably meet with the Soviet Ambassador, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, in the next few days in an attempt to resolve the problems. .

Meanwhile, Administration specialists briefed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today on the ability of the Central Intelligence Agency to monitor Soviet compliance with a treaty.

Officials said that verification was one of the most vexing unresolved problems and that the Administration was seeking an understanding that would give it greater access to radio signals beamed from Soviet missiles to ground stations during test flights.